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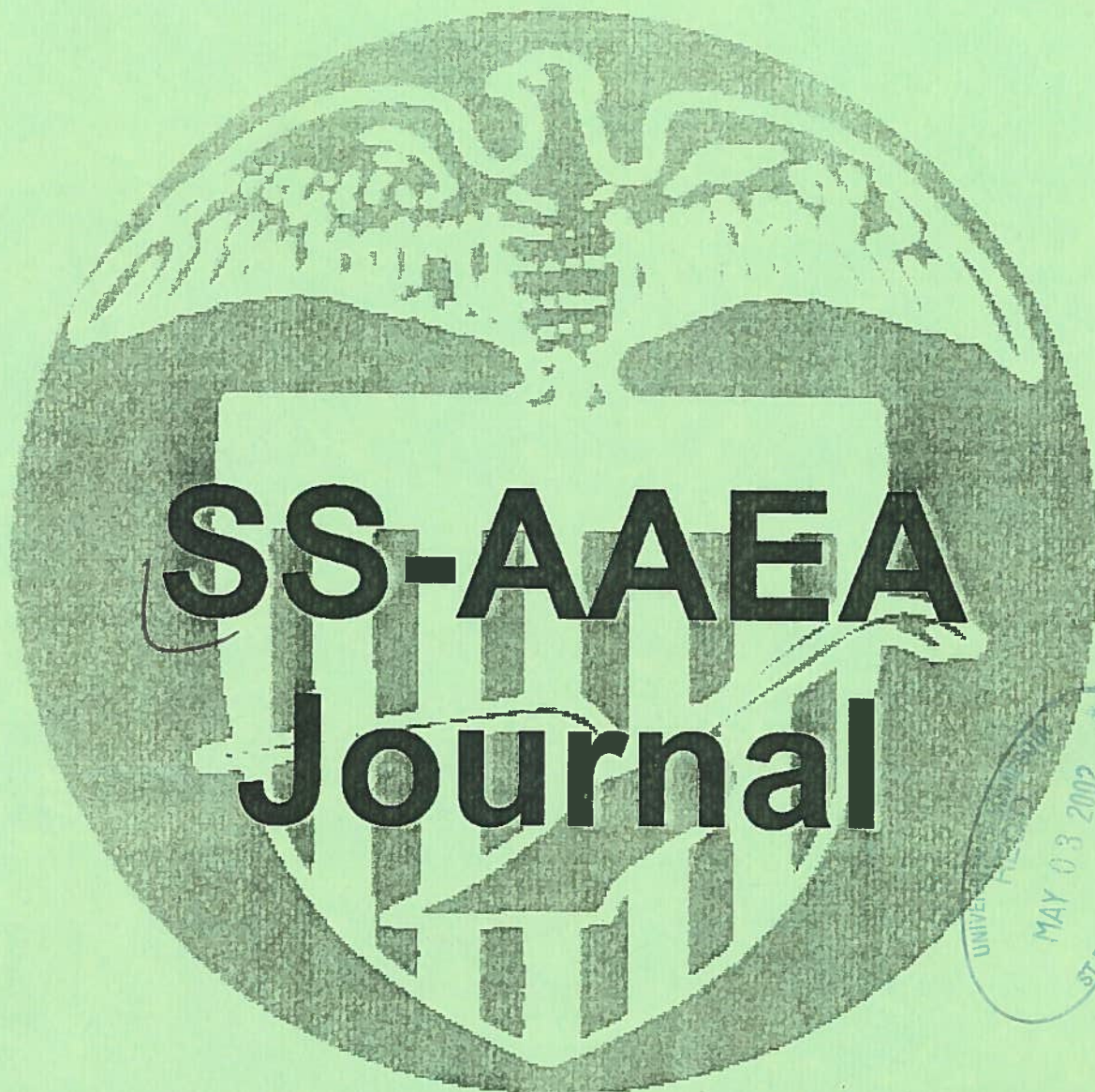
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## Undergraduate Student Paper Competition Guidelines 2001 SS-AAEA Annual Meeting

Papers by undergraduate students are being solicited for presentation at the AAEA Annual Meeting to be held in Chicago, Illinois. Undergraduates may submit papers for possible presentation in the special sessions designated for undergraduate students. Students who choose to participate in the sessions should follow the rules listed below. All participants must be members of chartered chapters of the Student Section of AAEA. Those graduating before June of the year of the meeting must enclose, with their submission sheet, a letter from their advisor guaranteeing that ALL the work/analysis and a MAJORITY of the paper was completed before the student graduated.

### I. Papers

The topic should be related to Agricultural Economics, Agribusiness, Natural Resources, or Environmental Economics. This is a broad area and includes production, finance, marketing, and policy problems.

#### A. The Written Paper

1. LENGTH: The paper shall be no more than 15 typed pages, double-spaced. This includes tables, figures, references, and appendices. Title page, abstract and acknowledgements page are excluded from this page limitation. This limitation will be enforced.
2. ABSTRACT: A 200-word abstract and title of the paper shall be typed on a separate page and shall immediately follow the title page. Author's name(s) should appear on the title page only.
3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT PAGE: On a separate page, the author shall reference any person or material used in the development of the paper. The author should specifically describe the extent of the assistance or reliance utilized.
4. FORM: The paper should follow the formats of the *American Journal of Agricultural Economics* and should address:
  - a. Statement of the problem
  - b. Objectives
  - c. Methods
  - d. Results or findings and discussion
  - e. Conclusions
5. EVALUATION: Evaluation of the written paper will be made prior to the meeting by two or three professional agricultural economists. The written paper will be evaluated in accordance with the following criteria:
  - a. Statement of the problem and objectives (20%)
  - b. Proper use of economic concepts (20%)
  - c. Logic and conceptualization (10%)
  - d. Conclusions and implications drawn from the analysis (20%)
  - e. Writing system and clarity of presentation (20%)
  - f. Evidence of student creativity and originality (10%)

6. FORMAT: Students submitting an intention to present a paper will be sent specific guidelines that should be followed for the written copy. The guidelines can be found in the *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*. Examples of SS-AAEA papers are in the *Agricultural Economics Journal of Student Papers*.
7. WEIGHT: The score received on the written paper will represent 60 percent of the total score for each student.

B. Oral Presentations

The oral presentation will be judged during the scheduled session for undergraduate papers at the annual summer meeting only. Judges for the oral presentations will be different than those judging the written paper evaluations. They will not see the written papers or their evaluations before the oral presentation. Abstracts will be made available to the judges before the presentation.

1. ORDER OF PRESENTATION: Papers will be randomly drawn for order of presentation. If a student is also competing in the Academic Bowl, every effort will be made to avoid conflicts. A student is expected to present his/her paper at the time indicated in the program.
2. TIME: Each student will be allowed 12 minutes for an oral presentation at the meeting. Each student will be signaled at the end of 10 minutes and again at 12 minutes. Penalties for exceeding 12 minutes will be:
  - a. 12 – 13 minutes (1%)
  - b. 13 – 14 minutes (5%)
  - c. 14 + minutes (10%)
3. QUESTIONS: Each judge will be requested to ask one or two questions of each student.
4. JUDGING: Evaluation of the oral presentation will be judged using the following criteria:
  - a. Economic content (30%)
  - b. Organization of material (15%)
  - c. Communication skills (25%)
  - d. Ability to respond to questions (20%)
  - e. Evidence of student creativity and originality (10%)
5. WEIGHT: The score received on the presentation will represent 40 percent of the total score possible for each student.

II. **Deadline for Submission of Statement of Intent and Final Papers**

- A. STATEMENT OF INTENT: Each student must submit a Statement of Intent to present a paper by April 16, 2001. This statement is to include a tentative title. The form for this statement is in the Appendix (page 28).

- B. SUBMISSION OF PAPER: Five copies of the final paper and diskette must be postmarked by June 15, 2001. No electronic submissions will be accepted. Authors must submit papers in either Microsoft Word, or WordPerfect format. Please indicate on the submitted disk the type of software that was used.
- C. ACCEPTANCE OF PAPERS: All students with accepted papers for written judging will be expected to give an oral presentation at the AAEA annual meeting. Notification of acceptance will be sent by June 30, 2001.
- D. AWARD: The first place recipient will receive a \$200 cash award.